



STATE OF ARIZONA

July 13, 2009

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Honorable Robert Burns
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1314 (NOW: custodial and janitorial services; transfer)

Dear President Burns:

Today I signed Senate Bill 1314. This measure requires the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to transfer monies received from budget units for custodial services back to those budget units on a proportional basis by square footage for the purpose of hiring current or former state employees to provide custodial services.

I am concerned about the administrative difficulties of implementing the bill, as well as the potential negative impacts on the ADOA budget and existing vendor contracts. Specifically, the approach taken in Senate Bill 1314 includes the following deficiencies/challenges:

- the lack of a mechanism to pool monies under ADOA to assist agencies that cannot, on their own, afford custodial services, or that do not wish to have separate contracts, even after receiving monies back from ADOA; and
- the absence of an option to select a private vendor solution

The need to pool monies is particularly critical since there are fewer funds available to pay for custodial services. I believe it is important to avoid raising expectations of agencies and former staff regarding what is possible after accounting for budget reductions.

I have seriously considered vetoing this legislation since it seeks to undo one of the many painful steps taken following the FY09 budget cutting process. I have opted to work with the sponsor because of the narrowness of the request and his willingness and commitment to work toward a solution that can be implemented efficiently and effectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice K. Brewer".
Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Kirk Adams
The Honorable Thayer Verschoor
The Honorable Ken Bennett

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CHAPTER 191

SENATE BILL 1314

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSFERRING MONIES TO PROVIDE CUSTODIAL SERVICES IN STATE BUILDINGS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Custodial and janitorial services; transfer; budget
3 units; appropriations

4 A. Notwithstanding any other law, for fiscal year 2009-2010, the
5 department of administration shall transfer all monies it receives from any
6 source for the purpose of providing custodial and janitorial services for
7 state owned and state leased buildings to each budget unit occupying a state
8 owned or state leased building. The department shall determine the amount of
9 each transfer based on the proportional square footage of state owned or
10 state leased space occupied by each budget unit.

11 B. The amounts transferred pursuant to subsection A are appropriated
12 to each budget unit in fiscal year 2009-2010 for the purpose of hiring
13 current or former state employees to provide custodial and janitorial
14 services in state owned or state leased buildings.

15 C. On or before the fifteenth of each month, the department of
16 administration shall submit a report to the director of the joint legislative
17 budget committee on the amounts transferred pursuant to subsection A during
18 the prior month.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JULY 13, 2009.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JULY 14, 2009.